

FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

Form Number  
1103,1104

Massachusetts Historical Commission  
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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village) Upper Meriam Hill

Address 6 Oakmount Circle

Historic Name John & Elinor Proctor House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1916

Source Lexington Valuation Lists

Style/Form Craftsman/Mission

Architect/Builder Willard Brown?

Exterior Material:

Foundation not visible

Wall/Trim stucco/wood

Roof tile

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

historic garage (MHC #1104)

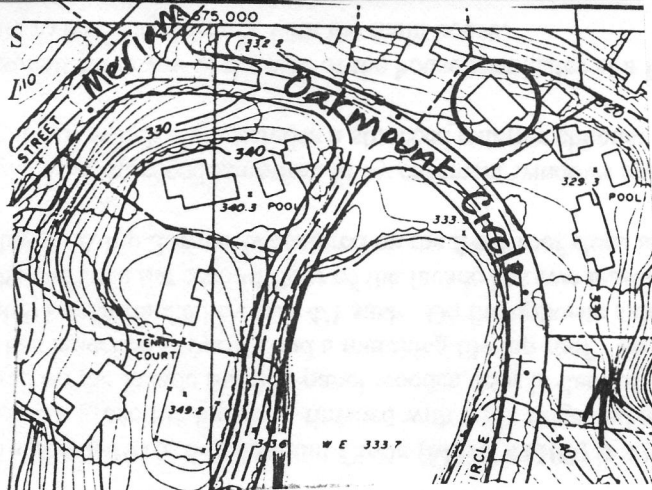
Major Alterations (with dates) ---

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 13,150 SF

Setting early 20th century residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

## BUILDING FORM (6 Oakmount Circle)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Constructed in 1916, 6 Oakmount Circle (MHC #1103) is a two-story Craftsman-style residence, covered in stucco and capped by a green tile hip roof, finished with a tile ridge and hip knobs. The overhanging eaves display exposed rafters. Centered on the facade the five-panel wooden door is flanked by full sidelights (2 x 7 lights). The single-bay wide entrance porch has stuccoed supports and a matching tile hip roof. To the left of the entrance is a tripartite window consisting of a central 8/1 sash flanked by two 4/1 sash. On the opposite side there is a three-sided bay window with a tile roof. Centered over the entrance the second floor of the facade has two individual 6/1 windows with a pair of 6/1 windows in each of the outer bays. A hip dormer is centered on the front roof slope and contains two horizontal windows.

A single-story stuccoed sunporch lit by casement windows spans the left side. A two-story hip-roofed projection is located on the right side which also includes a stuccoed exterior chimney breaking through the roof.

The asphalt driveway at the side of the house terminates at a flat-roofed, stuccoed, two-car garage (MHC #1104) which appears to be contemporary with the main house.

According to correspondence received by local architectural historian, Anne Grady, this house may have been designed by local architect Willard Brown. (see 20 Meriam St., MHC # 382).

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This property comprises lot 136 of the Oakmount Park subdivision and was the first house built on what is now Oakmount Circle (originally known as Circle Road). Town Valuation Records indicate that in 1915 and 1916 John Albert Proctor paid taxes on the 13,150 square foot lot. In 1917 Elinor and John Proctor were first assessed for a house on the same lot. The house was valued at \$11,000, the garage was valued at \$300. Directories indicate that John Proctor was employed as a radio engineer.

The property, known as 16 Circle Road, was owned in 1922 by Helen and Albert Hawkes but by 1923 had been acquired by Robert and Pauline Mayo. The 1925 Poll List also includes a maid and chauffeur in residence. In 1957 the property was purchased by Jacqueline and William Young who sold it to the present owners in 1988.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.

Lexington Directories, various dates.

Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Schoenhut, Sarah Emily Brown to Anne A. Grady. Correspondence in possession of Anne A. Grady, Lexington, Mass. (Schoenhut letter #7).

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attached a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*